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The Honorable Clair Engle
Chairman
House Committee on Interior
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letters of 5 June and 14 June 1957, requesting the comments of this Agency on H. R. 7913 and H. R. 7869, relating to the establishment of an Antarctic Commission, and on H. R. 8055, relating to the establishment of a Polar Commission.

The polar regions are of great interest to the intelligence community, and considerable attention has been given to the problem of how the United States Government should conduct its various activities in these areas, with particular reference to Antarctica. We are not in a position, however, to comment specifically on the bills referred to in your letters, as they involve issues of jurisdiction which are not within the purview of this Agency.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it interposes no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

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